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SIXTH ANNUAL BASURA BASH TO BE HELD SATURDAY, MAY 18

Event Designed to Build on Community Pride and Diversity While Cleaning Neighborhood

(MILWAUKEE) – The Sixth Annual Basura Bash will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 18 in the Milwaukee neighborhood centered on 29th and Pierce and ending with a fiesta in Walker Square Park.

Organized by Safe & Sound, Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful and the City of Milwaukee Department of Neighborhood Services, Basura Bash brings together South Side block clubs, law enforcement, Safe & Sound's Safe Places, community and faith-based organizations for the purpose of neighborhood improvement. Activities include tire and graffiti removal; alley building identification numbering; vacant lot clean-ups; recycling; and a major "Basura Bash" in the streets and alleys of the neighborhood. Basura means "trash".

The event culminates at 12 noon with a fiesta at Walker Square Park, 1029 S. 9th St. The fiesta will include free food, games and entertainment.

Local small business owners have been actively involved in supporting and organizing the "Basura Bash," including Robert Montemayor, owner of Monterey Market, who supports the event because of his children's involvement with Safe & Sound.

"I'm excited about this event because it brings the neighborhood together while helping clean it up," said Milwaukee County Supervisor Peggy Romo West. "It's our way of taking back the neighborhood from crime and grime while allowing us to form camaraderie in our community."

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